

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RM Engineered Products (Tracts 2A-D) North Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 20, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6393-NRP, will affect approximately 5.93 acres located at 4854 O'Hear Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Numbers 471-16-00-130, 471-16-00-249, 471-16-00-250, and 471-16-00-251. A company known as WinHalle, LLC (WinHalle), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop the property as a commercial brewery and restaurant with office space and parking.

A facility that manufactured brakes occupied the property from the early 1900's to 2002. Manufacturing operations included use of asbestos, petroleum products and chlorinated solvents which resulted in environmental pollution on the property. This pollution has been characterized and either removed or controlled by the current property owner, but residual contamination remains on the property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and WinHalle. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold WinHalle responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, WinHalle will test soil gas on the property. If significant contamination is found, WinHalle will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment for their proposed use of the property. WinHalle did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, WinHalle will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 20, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by email at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0929, or at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.